

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS - Division of Child and Family Services

No.	Question	Answer	Additional Information: (period covered, etc.)
<i>Child Protective Services</i>			
1	How many abuse cases were reported last year?	20,229	12 mo ending 6/1/06
	a. How many were actually abused (supported)?	8229(41%)	12 mo ending 6/1/06
	b. How many children were removed from their homes?	1725(14%)	12 mo ending 6/1/06
2	What percent of cps cases are related to domestic violence?	29.00%	Of cases closed in last 12 months ending 6/1/06
3	What is the number of child victims/1000 population	Utah = 16.6 (FY03) US = 9.6 (FY 03)	
4	Number of children removed from their home/1000 pop.	Utah = 2.1 (FY03) US = 4.0 (FY 03)	

Foster Care

1	How many kids are in state custody?	2,367	As of 6/1/2006
	a. How many in foster homes?	1,775	"
	b. How many in group or residential facilities?	380	"
	c. How many in independent living ?	49	"
2	What is the average length of stay in foster care?	14.45	Of cases closed in last 12 months ending 6/1/06
3	What is the percent of children placed in custody because of:		of 1,951 who came into custody in last 12mo ending 6/1/06
	a. Neglect?	36.90%	"
	b. Physical abuse?	7.79%	"
	c. Sexual abuse?	2.05%	"
	d. No one to take care of them?	23.89%	"
	e. Delinquent behavior?	13.12%	"
4	What Percent of children in foster care are Returned		Of cases closed in last 12 months ending 6/1/06
	a. Home	34.12%	
	b. Relatives	25.15%	
	b. Other than parents or relatives	24.25%	
5	When parental rights are terminated, how long does it take for the child to be adopted from the time of removal?	21.03	Of cases closed in last 12 months ending 6/1/06

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6	What does it cost to keep a child in foster care?	\$30,700 Annual total cost per child	Based on all types placement during FY 2003

General Division Questions

1	How many persons were served by the Division last year?	53,664	Of cases closed in last 12 months ending 6/1/06
2	What is the Division's Annual Budget?	\$140,368,800	Authorized for FY 2006, includes state and Federal funding
3	How many work for DCFS	1095	As of 12/31/05
4	How many caseworkers do we have?	555	with cases as of 10/31/05
5	What is the turnover rate for Child Protective Service (CPS) workers?	21.30%	Workers w/full load who leave CPS work, year ending 12/31/05
	a. For all DCFS workers leaving the Division?	18.40%	Year ending 12/31/05
7	How much experience in DCFS does the average worker have?	5.3 years (37% less than 2 yrs)	As of 12/31/05
8	What is the average age of a DCFS worker?	37.2 yrs	As of 12/31/05
9	What is the average salary for a DCFS worker	\$15.07/hr	As of 12/31/05
10	What is the beginning salary for a caseworker?	\$13.16	As of 12/31/05